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In re Application of K. Park et al.	:	
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For: SUPER-ABSORBENT HYDROGEL FOAMS	:	Confirmation No: 8278

RULE 132 DECLARATION OF JAMES H. MEADOWS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, James H. Meadows, hereby declare as follows:

1. I drafted the specification of parent application USSN 08/855,499, filed May 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,271,278 based on an invention disclosure furnished by the instant inventors. At the time, I was an employee of law firm Lowe, Price, LeBlanc & Becker based in Alexandria, Virginia.

2. When said application was drafted, I was unaware of the existence of application USSN 08/416,269, filed April 4, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,750,585, which was prepared and filed by a different law firm, Barnes & Thornburg of Indianapolis, Indiana.

3. The Barnes & Thornburg application was placed with that firm by assignee, Purdue Research Foundation (PRF). The Lowe, Price, LeBlanc & Becker application was placed with that firm by inventor Kinam Park. Dr. Park was aware of the existence of the Barnes & Thornburg application but was unaware its legal pertinence to the instant application and, therefore, did not mention it or provide a copy of it to me in advance of preparing the instant application. Frustrated with the perceived slowness of PRF in pursuing patent protection in the Barnes & Thornburg application, Dr. Park placed the instant application with the Lowe, Price firm.

4. Inasmuch as I was unaware of the existence of the Barnes & Thornburg application, I did not at the time make a claim of priority to that application or incorporate by reference any of the subject matter contained therein. Such oversight was inadvertent and unavoidable. A claim of priority to the Barnes & Thornburg application has since been made in USSN 10/807,227, which is a reissue of the parent application.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

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